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Since my last, there is nothing very important to tell you - My trip to the Midland Counties closed up satisfactorily to all parties except the disposition and that took no special pains to please - Mrs. Lucas has shown herself capable of great service to the cause; & will be worth to us, all my tour to this country has cost. Other persons of great worth & influence have been enlisted, and Nottingham & vicinity will become a fruitful field.

[A most interesting case of Escapement has just turned up here in Liverpool - The boatswain of the Ship Asterion of New Orleans sailed two days out from that port, discovered stowed away among the cotton, a black girl of about one or two & twenty years - She is a colored man himself, and he continued to conceal her so well at first she was not found until the Ship reached Liverpool - Now then, only as a custom house officer found her while searching the sailors' quarters

for contraband tobacco- When she
turned up it was a somewhat larger
ruby than they were accustomed to
find- The poor boatswain gave
the officer a piece of gold, & he promised to
keep silent- But he immediately reported
him to the officers of the ship. The boatswain
however knew his rights there & dared to
demand them- So he hustled the girl into
a boat & sent her on shore- She was ta-
ken into good hands & supplied with
clothing & other comforts of which
she stood in great need- She had
suffered fearfully on the voyage, and when
taken from her hiding place, was not able
to walk a step- At one time on the passage
she was near dying & the boatswain was
greatly alarmed- He gave her sea water
& restored her somewhat, but she was
more than a week quite ill, after she
got on shore- The boatswain lost his
wages by the transaction but that loss he
pockets quite heroically- I told him
the story of Thomas Jarrett, with which
he was much pleased- The captain
says he has sent the owner of the
slave girl <u>eleven hundred dollars</u>
to cover his loss- He will doubtless

lose that amount if not more, &
be looked upon very suspiciously
in New Orleans as long as he sails
upon that port. Had the custom
house officer kept the secret the
poor victim would have been got
on shore & no one would have
been the wiser - The boatswain
would have saved his wages, and
the Captain his cash & his charac
ter - Now the losses are all on the
right side but the thirty dollars
due the boatswain, and the gains
are all as we would wish them -
They are trying all sorts of plans
to abduct the girl - But she is safe
in the hands & the house of our friend
the Powells where she will remain
for the present - She is a lively little
body, has lived in a French family
always & speaks that language bet-
ter than [illegible] I am to give a
lecture here this evening, & both
she & her deliverer are to be on
the platform - I hope to make the
occasion one of interest & impor-
tance to the cause of Humanity.]

I do not hear much just now about Julia Griffiths - Douglass Louver - furious this week - The publication of a part of a letter written in pencil by Mr Estlin just before his death, has raised the storm - His sister-in-law can publish & circulate in this country all manner of lies, slanders & hypocrisy, to our hurt & her expected advantage - Her canting, carping coadjutors, like Maria Webb and Joseph Sturge, can send their secret, anonymous letters after me, to defeat the object of my labours; they can blaspheme & blast, publicly & privately, with most venomous spite & fiendish hate, the name of the best & truest men & women the world has had the honor to have & to hold, & "of whom it is not worthy," all this they can do & it is well - But when a few last words from a dying man appear in the Liberator on the other side, behold instead a gnashing of dragon teeth is at once produced - ! Every day, more & more do I rejoice that we have no such Leader last to part from year to year, our march is onward & onward, in the love of truth & the fear of God